

DEAR TWINNIE, In celebration of Christmas, 2017 in our 81<sup>st</sup> year, here are some "first" memories that you made for us as twins.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

There's no doubt that Twinnie #1 (first-born) has shown the way and set the example in our twin-ship over the years. You led by example and gave us laughter and fun.

**1. First born.** You came out of Mother, head first, the right way. I came buns first (breech birth). You bravely entered the World and set the example for me to follow, "Hey, it's great out here. Come on out!" So I did, five minutes later.

**2. First to socialize.** In kindergarten at Phoebe Hearst Elementary School in Washington D.C. Mrs. Hoffman, our dark-haired teacher, soon moved you to the other side of the big room so that we would be separated and learn to make friends with others. I was petrified. Where's my twinnie? You made friends easily.

**3. First to stop stuttering.** In first grade when they sent us to the Speech Teacher, she realized you were just mimicking me and ordered you to STOP. So you did, on the spot. Impressive.

**4. First to jump into the deep water.** At the YWCA, at 10 years of age, you were the first to jump into the deep water. That's the only reason I finally did it, too, because I saw that you had survived.

**5. First to be picked for kickball.** During 6<sup>th</sup> grade recess, you were always the first girl picked for the kickball team because you were the tallest, plus you could kick the farthest.

**6. First to decide to choose your own clothes.** In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, at age 14, it was my turn to choose one morning, You decided to not dress alike any more and I was forced to follow suit. You became your own person, clothes-wise. Today, you are an elegant fashion dresser.

**7. First to jump on the scary rides.** At any amusement park, you loved the scary rides. "Oh, it was great. I felt like my skin was falling off." I still

